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We Vote American Elm And Choose Chickadee Favorite Tree—Bird

Some four weeks ago, the Press furnished its readers with a statement, of the effort of the Massachusetts Forest and Park association and the State Audubon society to give the people of the state, an opportunity to express themselves on their choice of a state tree and a state bird, emblematic of our nature life. It is proposed to petition the Legislature at its next session to make a formal declaration on the state tree and bird, and thus do what most other states have done in the past. Petitions and expressions for choice have come from the citizens throughout the commonwealth by the thousands, and to the people of Northfield the opportunity was provided by the publishing of a ballot. Seventy-eight of our citizens responded with their votes, and the official tabulation, shows that we voted strongly for the American Elm, as the choice for a state tree, and for the chickadee, as our state bird. The votes, which have been sent to Boston by the Press, gives the following information: American Elm 46; Paper Birch 12; Red Maple 12; White Pine 3; Rock Maple 2; and Red Oak, Maple and Sugar Maple, one each. For the birds, the Chickadee received 41 votes; the Song Sparrow 13; the Bobolink 10; the Robin 6; the Barn Swallow and the Bluebird, each 3; and the Wood Duck 2. In a letter received from Harris A. Reynolds, secretary of the Forest and Park association, he "thanks the Press for cooperation in publishing the ballot for the state bird and tree." He expressed the wish that "all papers in the towns had followed the example of the Press in securing the votes." At this time, he said, the American Elm and the Chickadee are leading in popular favor, although the Red Maple and the Song Sparrow are a close second choice.

The Town Meeting Not A Great Way Off

It is only a matter of a few weeks now and the annual town meeting will take place in the town hall for probably an all day session. The meeting this coming year will take place on the first Monday in February which is the third. This is two days earlier than the date of last year. The town reports from all departments will be presented and officials chosen for the year. Appropriations will also be made. The Press will give a list of all expiring offices in a forthcoming issue. Under the law (Sec. 59, Chap. 41, General Laws) all departments must prepare their budgets for the ensuing year by Dec. 21 and complete reports for the past year should be concluded immediately after Jan. 1. These reports should be sent to the Selectmen, who can then prepare the annual book of reports for distribution to property owners in sufficient time to review before the annual meeting. The caucus of the Republicans will be held in January to nominate party candidates. It is expected the Democrats will do likewise and opportunity also afforded for nomination papers.

Good Skiing Ahead

With fair and colder weather ahead, following our recent storms of snow and rain, reports throughout New England indicate that good conditions are expected to prevail for the sport of skiing. The ground everywhere has a fine base and is generally well covered. The biggest year for the sport is ahead and preparations are being made to receive and entertain many enthusiasts at the well-known trails. On the listed conditions in the various places, Northfield is said to have much powder snow but that the trails are inviting.

The booklet of Valuations and Taxes for 1940, issued by the Board of Assessors is now in process of printing and will be ready for distribution soon.

Had Talk On Books And Now Club Women Will Hear Of Glass

An illustrated lecture, with pictures in color, entitled "The Use of Glass and Mirrors in Home Decoration" will be presented at the next meeting of the Fortnightly on Friday afternoon of next week at three o'clock in Alexander hall.

In accordance with an established precedent, the members are urged to bring a Christmas gift to be turned over to the Health Council for distribution. It is requested that each package be marked to indicate whether the gift is best suited for a boy or a girl and to indicate the age level at which the gift would be most enjoyed. No tea will be served at this meeting.

At the meeting held last Friday afternoon, there was a good attendance, and members were privileged to hear Mrs. George Davis, give a most educational talk on the "current books." At the close of the meeting tea was served by a committee of club members. Of the books referred to, by Mrs. Davis, in her review, the following are to be found in the Dickinson library, as per a list provided by the librarian, Mrs. Vorce:

An Ocean Heritage
The Beloved Returns
The English Air
The Family
Fielding's Folly
Give Me Liberty
The Great Mistake
Gypsy, Gypsy
Invitation to Live
Madame Dorothea
Mr. and Mrs. Meigs
Mrs. Miniver
Oliver Wiswell
Out of the Fog
Quietly My Captain Waits
White Oak Heritage
Forty Years A Country
Preacher
Hoss Doctor
Polish Profile
Beyond Tears
I Saw France Fall

Bassett
Mann
Stevenson
Federova
Keyes
Erskine
Rinehart
Goddard
Douglas
Undsett
Corbett
Struther
Roberts
Lincoln
Eaton
de la Roche
Gilbert
Dinamore
Sapieha
Litten
Chambrun

Take Ample Warning Re-Christmas Trees

Taking of Christmas trees and greens from state forests and parks under control of the state conservation department will be strictly prohibited this year, according to a warning just issued by Conservation Commissioner Raymond J. Kenney. Kenney pointed out that in previous years, collectors of Christmas trees and greens have gone into the state forests without authority to take trees and greens; and this year, he has ordered all of the forest and park supervisors to be particularly vigilant against such unlawful practices and to bring all offenders before the courts. Attention is also called to the fact that under the provisions of section 118 of chapter 266 of the General Laws, it is unlawful for any person to take trees or greens from any private property without the consent of the owner. This is not generally understood.

In discussing the situation, Kenney said: "There seems to be a widespread feeling that the owners of forest lands throughout the state are not protected by law, but as a matter of fact, a penalty of \$500, together with possible imprisonment of six months has been provided for violations of the law protecting wild or forest lands. The sale of Christmas trees and greens is a legitimate utilization of forest products, and the owner who pays the taxes on such lands is entitled to proper return on the sale of such products. There is no more right to go on private forest land and cut Christmas trees without the owner's consent than to take them from the lawns of a suburban residence. The age-old custom of bringing joy to young and old through the use of Christmas trees and greens should not be marred by their collection in violation of private property rights."

Dr. F. Wilton Dean was the speaker at the meeting of the Unitarian Alliance of Barnardston last Sunday evening.

Scouts To Mark Grave Dr. Parker At Hermon For Years Endeavor

Rev. Dr. James Parker, minister of the Second United Presbyterian church of Jersey City, died at his home there Oct. 26. He was a visitor to Northfield each season where he spent his vacation at his summer home on Winchester road. He worked actively, both in and out of his church and among his interests was that of the Boy Scout organization. He organized troops of scouts in his church some thirty years ago, which still flourishes. His influence in the scout movement extended throughout the city and in the state, at many other places. He had been chairman of the Jersey City council and was honored with many other scout responsibilities. At the request of and in behalf of the Boy Scout troop of his church, approved by the council, a Boy Scout marker, will be placed on his grave in Mt. Hermon cemetery on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Northfield Boy Scouts led by Scoutmaster Walter Harding and Commissioner Samuel Truesdell. All friends of the Boy Scouts and of Dr. Parker are invited to attend the ceremony.

Young Ski Enthusiasts Invited To Contests

Through the efforts of Sears Roebuck Co. of Greenfield, the young folks of our schools are invited to participate in a series of ski contests every Saturday on the Holland Farm in Greenfield on the Colrain road. The contests will afford instruction and experience and prizes will be awarded each day of the contest. Strand Milken will be in charge and Ken Suhl of the Sears Ski department will assist. Application blanks for entry may be had at the Sears store and the events will be called at eleven o'clock. There is a class for all boys and girls up to 19 years of age. There are no costs except for the use of the tow if desired. Manager Hawkes was in Northfield this week and conferred with local interests, including Principal Cobb of the high school.



Miss Dena Kennedy of Boston, who spent last weekend in this town in behalf of the Girl Scout movement. She represented the Girl Scout National staff and was in consultation with the various members of the local council.

William D. Luey Dies

William Dexter Luey, age 85, of Worcester, with a summer residence at Northfield Farms died Saturday last after a long illness. He was a prominent and successful banker, and had been connected with the Franklin County Trust Co. and banks at Conway, Athol and Worcester. Mr. Luey was born in Greenfield, the son of Lester and Mary Moody Luey. He leaves four sons, Lester L., William A., Charles R., and Donald Luey. The funeral was held in Greenfield on Tuesday with Rev. Robert J. Raible officiating and burial was in the Green River cemetery.



The American Elm tree, which is leading in popularity, by vote of the people, as the state tree for Massachusetts. The Legislature will be asked to adopt it, at its next session. Northfield for a great many years was beautified by the graceful elms along the Main Street, but the hurricane of two years ago felled many. Since then many new and young trees have been planted along the highway to take the place of those destroyed. Our citizens are much impressed with the beauty of the elm. It is their favorite tree.

Congregational Church Services Of The Week

On Sunday the Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock. At 11, the morning service with sermon by Rev. Edward F. Bank. At 6:45 the Christian Endeavor society will meet. At 7:30, will be held the Young Peoples Forum.

On Tuesday afternoon at 8, the women's Bible class will meet and at 6:30 there will be the regular supper and meeting of the Brotherhood.

On Thursday will be held the all-day sewing meeting of the women's societies. At 7 o'clock the regular weekly prayer service will be conducted with Fred A. Holton as leader, choir practice will follow.

Officers Are Elected

At a meeting of the directors of the Historical society held on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Colton, several important matters were considered and officers were chosen. They are President, Rev. George A. Bronson; vice-president Joseph R. Colton; treasurer, Mrs. L. H. Lazelle. Miss Priscilla Colton is clerk.

Schools Get Bequest

The Northfield schools will probably receive about \$60,000 in a distribution of the Goodwin estate of Hartford, Ct. it is announced. The recent death of Charles L. Goodwin of that city released funds set up for him by his brother, George R. Goodwin and his sisters, Anna M. Goodwin and Mrs. Mary Goodwin Bingham. The total trust fund amounts to \$1,225,000. The Northfield schools and Berea college are the chief beneficiaries.

Left For India

Prof. P. Carter Spiers, who with his family have been occupying one of the missionary houses on Main street, will leave New York on Saturday for Bombay, India on the American Export line, S. S. Explorer, on a non-stop, 28 day voyage. Prof. Spiers returns to his work at Peshawar Christian College at Lahore. The family will remain here for the duration of the war.

Hospital Inmates Caught In Auto Driven Here

Less than 48 hours after they had escaped from the Monson state hospital, two epileptics, young men, one 15 and the other 22, were caught in Northfield, following the stealing of a car and then driving erratically, ran it into a ditch. Both epileptics after escaping, had ridden a freight into Millers Falls and then walked toward this town. In the yard of Joseph Bartus, they stole the auto, making a noise, attracting Bartus, who with Joseph Szeszowski gave chase in the latter car and the culprits were overtaken. Police were notified and the two young men were arrested. After their appearance in district court, hospital guards returned them to the hospital. The event happened Monday evening shortly before midnight.

The Student Meeting Held Last Week End

The mid-winter preparatory school conference held a three-day session last Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Northfield hotel. Delegates came from most of the preparatory schools of New England and over 100 were in attendance. The leaders were Rev. W. Norman Pittenger of New York City Prof. George R. Elliott of Amherst college, Ben Cowles of Haverford college, recently returned from China and Japan; Rev. A. Graham Baldwin of Phillips Academy, Andover; John Asher of St. Paul's school, Dr. Henry H. Welles of New Canaan, Rev. H. Martin Davidson of St. Georges' school, Rev. W. Burnet Easton of Smith college and Rev. Harold B. Ingalls of Northfield seminary. A special Christmas service was held on Saturday evening.

County Assessors Meet

The annual meeting of the County Assessors association will be held at Deerfield academy next Monday. The session will open at 10 o'clock to be followed by a dinner and afternoon meeting. Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation H. F. Long will present many important matters and a discussion will ensue. Local supervisors Bell and Partridge will also be in attendance. Local assessors, clerks and tax collector are expected to attend.

LEGAL

All persons having bills against the town of Northfield should send them to the Selectmen not later than Tuesday, December 17th to receive attention.

F. A. HOLTOM, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

SEMINARY-HERMON CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES AT SAGE AND MEMORIAL CHAPELS SUNDAY; WELL-KNOWN SPEAKERS AT MORNING SERVICES

Christmas Carol services will take place at both Northfield Seminary and Mount Hermon school next Sunday. Due to the fact that the choir, made up of girls from the Eestey Chorus and boys from the Hermon Glee Club, will take part in the program, the Mount Hermon carol program will take place at 5 o'clock and the Seminary program at 8 o'clock. There will be a prelude of organ music from 7:45 to 8 o'clock at Sage Chapel. The programs follow:

AT THE SEMINARY

PRELUDE—"In Dulci Jubilo" XIVth century melody—J. S. Bach
"Der Tag, Der Ist So Freudenreich" XIVth century melody—J. S. Bach
"Pastorale" Duo for piano and organ—Gulmamt
FRANCE—"Sing We Noel" XIVth Century, arr. by Gaul
RUSSIA—"Carol of the Russian Children" White Russian, arr. Gaul
HUNGARY—"The Christ of the Snow" Folksong, arr. by Gaul
GERMANY—"From Jesse's Root a Rosebud" XVth century arr. by Praetorius
Words arr. from German
by Victoria E. Freeman and Ernest N. Kirmann
GERMANY—"Today is Born Immanuel" Michael Praetorius arr. by Dickinson
BULGARIA—"Straw Carol" Folksong, arr. by Gaul
AMERICA—"Joseph Came Seeking" Ernest Willoughby
AMERICA—"There Was a Gentle Hostler" Florence N. Wilson
BELGIUM—"Slumber Song of the Infant Jesus" F. A. Gevaert arr. by Dickinson
BELGIUM—"A Joyous Christmas Song" F. A. Gevaert arr. by Dickinson
GERMANY—"Silent Night, Holy Night" ascribed to Franz Gruber descant by Black George F. Handel

ENGLAND—from "The Messiah"
a) "For Unto Us a Child is Born"
b) "Pastoral Symphony" (organ)
c) "There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Fields"
d) "Glory to God"
ENGLAND—"Adeste Fideles" Traditional
BENEDICTION and "PASTORAL AMEN" George F. Handel
POSTLUDE—"Noel" Louis Claude d'Aquin, 1694-1772

AT MOUNT HERMON SCHOOL

PRELUDE—"Improvisation on 'Veni Emmanuel'" Egerton
FRANCE—"Sing We Noel" XIVth Century, arr. by Gaul
RUSSIA—"Carol of the Russian Children" White Russian, arr. Gaul
HUNGARY—"The Christ of the Snow" Folksong, arr. by Gaul
ENGLAND—"God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" Traditional
Harmonized by Stainer
GERMANY—"Today is Born Immanuel" Michael Praetorius arr. by Dickinson
BULGARIA—"Straw Carol" Folksong, arr. by Gaul
AMERICA—"Joseph Came Seeking" Ernest Willoughby
GERMANY—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Felix Mendelssohn arr. by Cummings
GERMANY—"Silent Night, Holy Night" ascribed to Franz Gruber descant by Black George F. Handel

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d) "Glory to God"
ENGLAND—"O Come All Ye Faithful" Adeste Fideles
BENEDICTION and "PASTORAL AMEN" George F. Handel
POSTLUDE—"Allegro Maestoso," from "Water Music" Handel

MORNING SERVICES

Dr. Herbert Gezork of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary and Wellesley College, formerly of Berlin, Germany, will speak at the 10:30 morning service in Mount Hermon Memorial chapel. Dr. Gezork is familiar to Northfield audiences since he spoke at the Religious Education and General conferences last summer.

Dr. Laura W. L. Scales of Smith College will deliver the Sunday morning address at 11 a. m. in Sage Chapel. Dr. Scales, also, is a well-known speaker in this vicinity.

Frequency Modulation

Those who have the new type of radio receiving sets, that will take "frequency modulation" broadcasts will be glad to learn that a new station on Meriden mountain at Meriden, Conn., will be provided with an ultrahigh frequency of 46,500 kilocycles and will be able to serve a territory of 6100 square miles with a population of nearly a million and a quarter, under authority of the Federal commission.

Frequency modulation or "FM" is one of the newest scientific developments in radio. It is said to provide program reception of great clarity and tonal range, and to be nearly free of static. Ordinary radio sets cannot receive frequency modulation broadcasts, but special FM sets soon will be on the market at moderate prices. If you are buying a new radio for permanent use, consult with your dealer about the new frequency facilities.

Silver Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spaulding of Winchester road were given a surprise call on Wednesday evening, by some thirty friends and relatives, many from out of town, in honor of the silver anniversary of their wedding. The house had been decorated in green and silver and a bounteous supper was served to the guests, who all received a slice of the anniversary cake. During the evening, an original poem was read dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding and he and she were presented with \$60 in silver and received many other gifts. All enjoyed a most hospitable evening and congratulated the happy couple.

Army Offers Service

The Press is informed by the First Corps headquarters of the following opportunities for young men in the services of Army.

Vacancies for 1500 young men of New England in the U. S. Army are available during the month of December, it was announced by Lt.-Col. John L. Rice, Corps Area Recruiting Officer. These vacancies are for three-year enlistments and men have the opportunity to select the branch in which they wish to serve and receive instruction at the Army schools. They must be unmarried, and between the ages of 18 and 35.

For service within New England, there are 500 vacancies in Coast Artillery, 225 in the Medical Department, 142 in Field Artillery, 75 in the Quartermaster Corps, and 5 in the Ordnance Department. There are also 120 vacancies in all branches for duty in Hawaii, and 80 vacancies in various branches for duty in Panama.

Enlistment in the Air Corps is open to 500 New England young men who have a high school education or its equivalent, or a journeyman rating in a mechanical trade. These Air Corps vacancies are for service at Savannah, Georgia.

In addition, there will be 140 Flying Cadet appointments from New England during the month of December. To qualify for this pilot training, a candidate must be an unmarried citizen between his 20th and 27th birthdays, and if he has completed two years of college he may be exempt from the written educational exam.

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TOWN TOPICS

The Women's Missionary society of the Congregational church are packing a box with contributions from its members to be sent to Rev. A. Nightingale to use in his mission work in Tennessee. Good clothing is being contributed and Mrs. H. H. Morse is supervising the packing and shipping.

Clayton E. Perry of New London, an engineer on a northbound freight of the C. V. railroad succumbed to a heart attack near Putney last week Wednesday morning about 1:10 a. m. He was known to all railroad men here. His train from New London to White River Junction passed thru Northfield about midnight. He had been on his present run for six years and with the railroad 38 years.

Local members of the Franklin County Foreign Policy association attended the dinner meeting at the Weldon hotel last evening, Thursday and heard the "far Eastern question" considered by B. W. Lamphear, Roger L. Bracken and John C. Beyden. It proved to be a most interesting meeting with an active discussion following.

Miss Therese Simar of the Ridge summer colony, who left Northfield two weeks ago for Florida, writes a most interesting card of her visit with Mrs. L. A. Polhemus at her "lovely home in Miami." She speaks of the cool weather but that it was followed by the glorious sunshine and warm breezes. Miss Simar is delighted with Florida.

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B & M Golden Bantam Corn	3 No. 2 cans 29c
Growers Quality Salt	2-lb box 5 1/2c
Del Monte Fruit Cocktail	No. 2 1/2 can 19c
Armours Pickled Pigs Feet	28-oz jar 25c
Jim Dandy Prune Plums	2 No. 2 1/2 cans 25c
Hillside Santa Clara Prunes	2 2-lb boxes 17c
SHRIMP (for salad)	can 10c
Pillsbury Best Flour	5-lb bag 23c
Holly Corned Beef	1-lb can 16c
Pillsbury Pancake Flour	20-oz pkg 8c
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TOWN TOPICS

There will be a public supper this Friday evening at 6:30 at the Unitarian church. There will be plenty of good things to eat.

Owing to the cold weather conditions prevailing, there was not the usual large attendance at the meeting of the Valley Bible conference in Levere last Friday. Mrs. Mabel Makepeace of this town was on the list of speakers.

Supt. of Schools Linville W. Robbins was chosen at the recent annual meeting of county superintendents as president, for the ensuing year.

The Womens Alliance of the Unitarian church held a well attended and most interesting meeting in the vestry of the church yesterday, when they considered the life of the late Sir Wilfred Grenfell.

The Christmas programs of the Sunday school of the Congregational church will be given on Monday evening, Dec. 23. A supper will be served, followed by carol singing with an entertainment and Christmas tree. Supt. Paul Chamberlain is in charge of the affair.

The contractors are rushing the work at the new Center school, after a short delay caused by the recent storm and cold weather. The roof is now being put in place and when completed will provide protection for further work.

Donald Strange of Putney, who was implicated in the automobile episode recently was fined in the Orange court, has been taken by the U. S. Marshall of Vermont to Rutland to answer the Federal charge. The car used was driven from Massachusetts into Vermont where gasoline was secured without payment and then driven back to this state.

The 12th lodge of instruction of the Masonic fraternity will meet next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock with Mechanics lodge at Turners Falls. Rt. Wor. Ronald Astley will speak. Several local members will attend.

The new Greenfield directory has made its appearance and this year includes in addition to Turners Falls, Millers, Montague Center, Northfield and Gill. We haven't seen the Northfield list, but we hope it is more inclusive and authentic than the last one we saw published.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambert G. Moody left by auto last Friday to spend the winter at their home in Daytona Beach, Fla.

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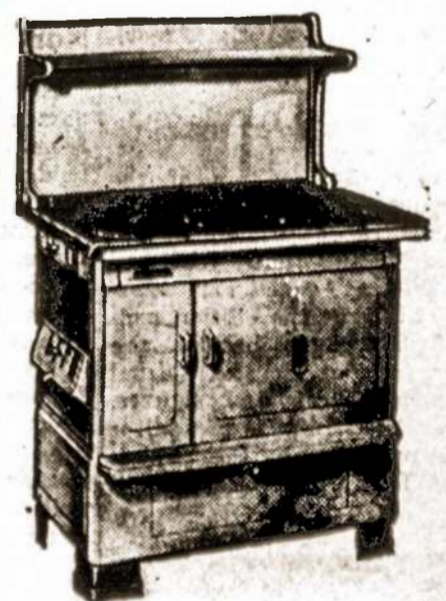
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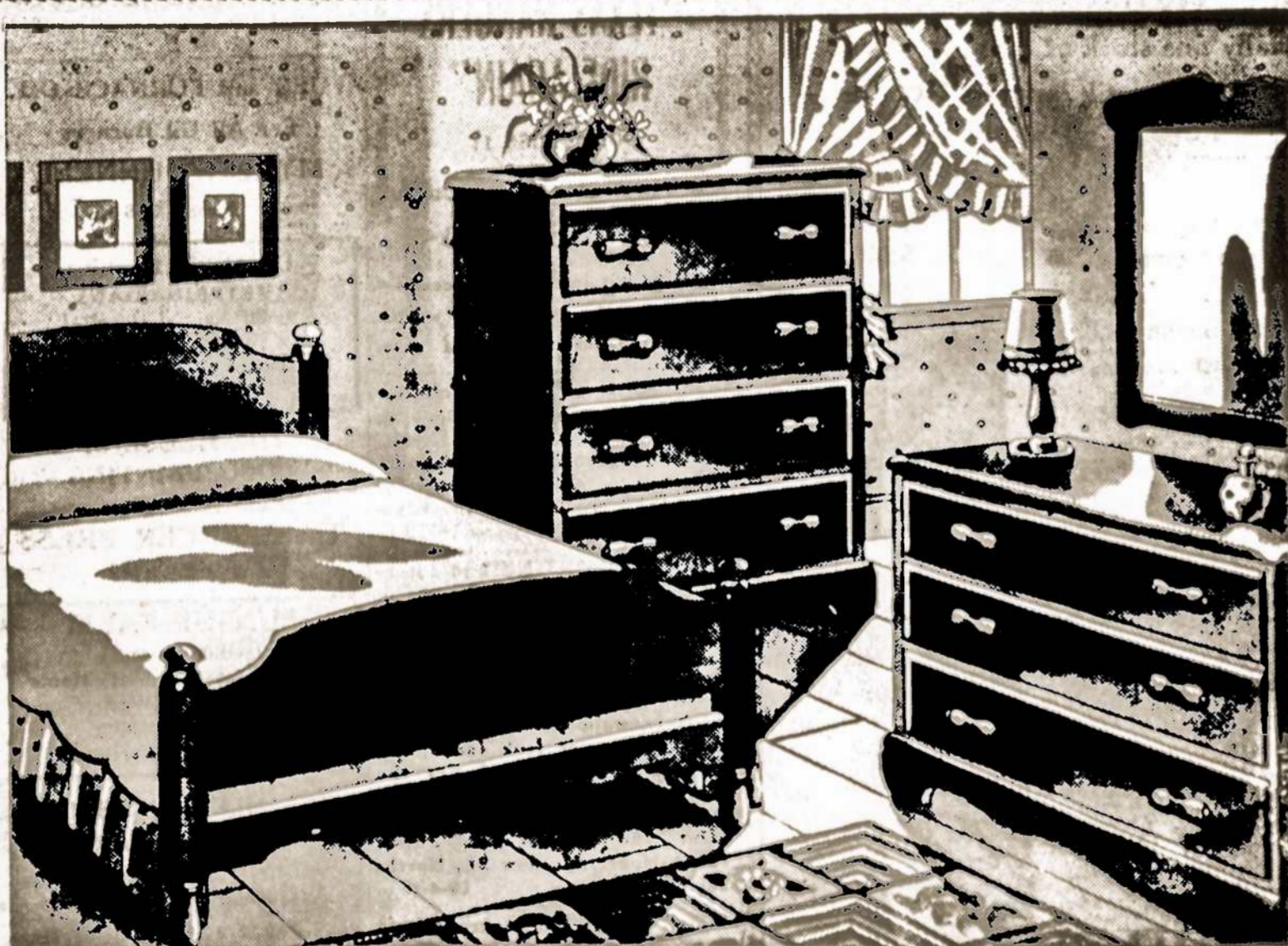
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Friday, December 13, 1940

EDITORIAL

BEST INTERESTS

Many observers are convinced that events now taking place in the English Channel, the Mediterranean and the Far East will vitally affect our lives and the lives of our posterity. They feel that we must face these disagreeable facts and act resolutely against the trio of military dictators. They contend that our only hope of avoiding the worst is the victory of Britain over the Axis and the success of China over Japan.

Our aid to Great Britain and our sympathy for China can be no longer a matter of admiration for their courage and fortitude. Consideration of our own national welfare requires that they succeed for, whether we like it or not, our best interests are identical with theirs. They are fighting our battle.

OUR STANDARD

American citizens have read with pity and wonder of food shortages in war-torn Europe—of the spectacle of men and women standing in line for hours to obtain a few potatoes or a loaf of bread—and, in many cases, finally being turned away because the supply had been exhausted.

In this country we are at peace. We have plenty of food, clothing and other necessities. We have a standard of living unparalleled in the world. Much of the credit for that must go to Nature, which has dealt richly with us. But man has aided Nature—and it is man's work which has been responsible for bringing the bounty of the earth to the people.

Think for a moment about the American system of retail distribution. The stores which sell you food, clothes, necessities and luxuries are the product of an intricate and superbly planned system whose purpose is to provide the nation with the maximum amount of goods for the least amount of money. This system is made up of independent stores, chain stores and other progressive forms of retailing. It is a system in which competition is free and open—in which every merchant is always seeking to improve his business and thus earn more patronage. It is a system which gives the consumer in little towns the same quality of goods at the same price as the consumer in great cities.

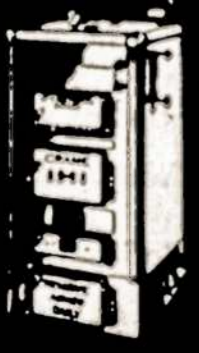
Our standard of living must be largely attributed to the American retail system.

Old Farmers Almanac

The new 1941 edition of the Old Farmers Almanac by Robert B. Thomas, recently made its appearance for the 149th year and is for sale at our local newsstands. This year the edition consists of 80 pages besides the calendar features and usual astronomical facts and figures. Mrs. Mabel M. Swan is the editor and it is published by the Yankee Press at Dublin, N. H.

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The American Legion of Winchester are to erect a new steel flag pole at the town hall in that community, so that the flag may be appropriately displayed. This is just the suggestion the Press made recently, should be done here.

The saw mill of the New England Box Co. at Winchester was destroyed by fire last week Thursday night with a total loss amounting to \$15,000. It was a spectacular blaze and was witnessed by several local folks who were in that town that evening.

Since their return from a visit in the south, the Ripley Brothers, have been very busy in their manufacture of the colonial rugs, for which they have many large orders on hand.

Forty-one years ago, December 22, 1899, Dwight L. Moody died, but his wonderful effort still lives and thrives in the schools which he founded, in the summer conferences which he established in this community.

West Northfield and South Vernon

South Vernon Church: Saturday, junior choir at 2:30, followed by rehearsal for Christmas pageant at 3. Sunday, morning worship at 10:30; Sunday school at 11:45; Loyal Workers at 6:30; Evening service at 7:30. Thursday, weekly prayer meeting at the Vernon Home. Plans are being made for the Christmas exercises and tree Tuesday evening, Dec. 23.

Mrs. R. Edgar Bruce attended a shower given in Brattleboro Monday evening for her daughter, Eleanor at the home of Mrs. Fred Knight.

The Vernon home demonstration group met Tuesday with Mrs. Mildred Dunklee, with sixteen present. After a chicken dinner, plans for next year were discussed, and a Christmas pie was opened with a gift for each member.

Mrs. Alice Dunklee has returned to her teaching at the North school after several weeks of illness. Mrs. Wheelock of Brattleboro substituted for her.

Mrs. Frank Lachey returned Wednesday to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Warren Dunklee. She had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ella Forrester in Wardboro.

Miss Alma Dunklee is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Vaughan in Brattleboro while attending high school there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burnett and son of Amherst, Percival Johnson of Northampton and Miss Esther Johnson of East Northfield visited their mother, Mrs. Mary Johnson at Mrs. Julia Ennis's.

The Friendship club held Gentlemen's night this week Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Holton.

Northfield Grange

Northfield Grange held Neighbors night Tuesday with guests from Chesterfield, N. H., Greenfield and Bernardston. Supper was served by Mrs. Albert Allen, Mrs. Geneva Dawe and Miss Lillian Dawe.

The Grange voted to continue support of the Saturday noon broadcasts over station WHAI.

Mrs. Emory Rikert and Miss Esther Hale went to Springfield Wednesday to attend the lecturers conference at the State Grange session. Miss Hale was alternate delegate for the master, Clayton Miller.

The Royal Air Force

The Victoria Theatre in Greenfield is showing a picture which shows how Britain's hard fighting Royal Air Force is today driving off Hitler's superior air fleets. It shows how Britain's own bombers are carrying the war back to the Nazi invasion bases in the channel ports of France and Belgium and even into the heart of Germany itself. It shows actual scenes of battle—not only the defensive action of England's fighter planes the Spitfire and the Hurricane, but also the reprisal raids which the Royal Air Force flyers have been carrying on against military objectives in Germany. Everyone in America today is following closely the exploits of the Royal Air Force, and everyone should see them in action.

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